

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/c.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided and a record of votes taken.”

Thursday, October 13, 2011

7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Brian T. Bailey
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Norman L. Schnaufer
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration
Steve Busa, Treasurer
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all"*.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Andrews reported at the Community Awareness meeting on the last Wednesday of September, the individuals responsible for the burglaries in the Village were apprehended and are currently in jail. Mayor Andrews stated there was a lot of hard work by the Indian Head Park Police Department working on these cases and everyone is thankful that the Village has its own Police Department to pursue these matters. Mayor Andrews read the following letter into the record that he presented to Chief Alonzo, all the police officers and staff: *"This letter is to congratulate all of you on a job well done for investigating and solving a recent crime spree. Some of you were more directly involved than others but as you know it takes everyone working together as a team to achieve the success that you had in this matter. I am aware of how thankless your jobs can seem. Believe me, we all appreciate the work you do even though we suffer the human shortcoming of complacency. We cannot tell you enough, but we do sincerely appreciate the work you do. On behalf of our residents, and the entire Board of Trustees, we thank you for a job well done. We are all proud of you and look forward to getting to know you better through our community awareness meetings. Sincerely, Richard Andrews, Mayor."* Mayor Andrews stated that we can all sleep a little better at night knowing we have our own Police Department and Chief Alonzo looking out for our interest.

Mayor Andrews stated the Board will also consider on the Consent Agenda appointing Fire Chief Kevin Doyle to serve on the E-911 Board to fill the unexpired term of Fire Chief Dan Hermes who retired this past year, the reappointment of Police Chief Frank Alonzo to the E-911 Board and a resolution to reduce the S.E.A.S.P.A.R. levy rate to .0155% for fiscal year 2012/2013.

Mayor Andrews reported that work is well under way on the Heritage Center improvements and the work should be completed soon.

CONSENT AGENDA

Appointment of Fire Chief Kevin Doyle to the E-911 Board for the term ending June 13, 2012.

Reappointment of Police Chief Frank Alonzo to the E-911 Board for the term ending October 13, 2012.

Approval of a Resolution Reducing the S.E.A.S.P.A.R. Levy Rate to .0155% for Fiscal Year 2012/2013. (Resolution #R10-01-11).

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS – TREASURER STEVE BUSA

Approval of Financial Report for the month ending August 31, 2011

Approval of Financial Report for the month ending September 30, 2011

Treasurer Busa presented the financial report for the months ending August 31, 2011 and September 30, 2011. For the month of August, he noted: total revenues were \$173,840.26; expenditures were \$291,575.58 and fund balances in all accounts at the end of August were \$849,586.37. For the month of September, he noted: total revenues were \$125,343.97; expenditures were \$296,883.99 and fund balances in all accounts at the end of September were \$691,867.63. Treasurer Busa noted that Cook County mailed the real estate tax bills last week and the Village anticipates receiving its share of those revenues later this month.

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the financial report for the months ending August 31, 2011 and September 30, 2011, as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – September 8, 2011

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve the September 8, 2011 regular Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

AGENDA ITEMS (DISCUSSION AND A POSSIBLE VOTE MAY TAKE PLACE)

1. Award of Blackhawk Park Bid

Mayor Andrews stated the bids for the Blackhawk Park project were opened on October 11, 2011 by Village engineer Dave Vandervelde, from Christopher Burke Engineering. Dave Vandervelde reported that the Village previously received a grant from the Township of Lyons of about \$160,000 to be used for the replacement of the pathway at Blackhawk Park and various landscaping in the park.

He noted initially the Village had considered replacing the pathway with asphalt and when the cost estimate came in the price was under budget, so concrete was considered because it will last longer and will have lower maintenance than asphalt. The project can be completed within the budgeted amount. Dave Vandervelde stated that the bids for the project ranged from a high bid of \$153,000 with the low bidder being NYS Construction Inc. at approximately \$89,000. He noted NYS Construction has been in business a long time and the contractor is very good. Dave Vandervelde stated the existing asphalt pathway around Blackhawk Park will be replaced with concrete and the surplus funds left from the grant will be used for landscape enhancements at the park. Mayor Andrews asked if the new concrete pathway will be six feet in width. Dave Vandervelde stated, yes. He added that the new pathway will be ADA compliant, the pathway will be five inches thick with a stone sub-base and the pathway should last many years. Mayor Andrews inquired how many contractors submitted a bid for the project. Dave Vandervelde stated seven bids for the Blackhawk Park project were received, he recommended that the project be awarded to the low bidder NYS Construction Inc., the project can be completed this year and if there are no project weather delays fifteen working days are designated to complete the project.

Trustee Bermier stated that many residents use the pathway at Blackhawk Park and they will be happy the pathway is being replaced. Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to award the contract to NYS Construction Inc. to complete the Blackhawk Park pathway project. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: None

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Andrews noted that there will be no Village sponsored Halloween party this year.

David Anderson stated that he and his wife moved from Oak Park and bought a house at 6301 Pontiac Drive in Indian Head Park in March of last year. He stated he is extremely happy living in the community with the exception of the noise from the tollway. He asked why the sound barrier wall was never completed along I-294 abutting Plainfield Road. Mr. Anderson stated that when looking across the tollway and coming over the hill on Blackhawk Trail, the noise level is very loud. He stated that he and his wife were very aware of the noise situation when looking to purchase a house in the Village near the tollway. Mr. Anderson stated that there are also a few of his neighbors that have the same concerns with noise and he presented a petition to the Board signed by those residents. Mr. Anderson stated that he realizes the property is not Village owned and is tollway property where the sound wall was not completed and is not sure what happened when the rest of the sound wall was installed. Mr. Anderson stated when he spoke with his neighbors they all mentioned the Village Board worked hard at that time to get the sound wall installed. Mr. Anderson stated that he would like to see the rest of the sound wall completed along the tollway on the Indian Head Park side.

Mayor Andrews read a portion of the petition presented by residents of the Village into the record as follows that according to Mr. Anderson, was circulated about one month ago: “We the undersigned, electors of the Village of Indian Head Park urge that the Village Trustees find a way to close the gap in the sound barrier wall already built but not completed along the eastern edge of I-294 that is abutting Plainfield Road and across from Sacajawea Park for the following reasons: (1) to relieve the property owners at the northwestern edge of Indian Head Park from constant 24/7 noise; (2) the noise is not limited to adjacent property as significant noise levels are noticed as much as a quarter mile distance; (3) use of the park is primarily for children and beyond the sound abatement issue, pollution is caused by fumes from the expressway; (4) waiting for the development of the former Timber Trails Development on the Golf Course may take a decade and remediation needs to be accomplished now”.

Mayor Andrews stated that he is not aware of why the tollway did not finish the sound abatement wall at the time it was installed several years ago. He stated that the Village was always in favor of a continuous sound wall. Mayor Andrews stated that it is his understanding that the tollway left a gap in the sound wall to facilitate their ability to work on the bridge and the overpass of Plainfield Road. Mayor Andrews stated that in the early part of May he received a call from a resident that lived in that area behind Keokuk who stated they had been in touch with the tollway authority. The tollway stated all they needed was a call from Indian Head Park or a letter telling them we want the sound wall completed and they would get out and do it. Mayor Andrews stated he contacted Bonnie Anderson at the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority who is in charge of engineering projects. He explained the topic discussed with the resident who called about the sound wall and asked how we submit a request to the tollway to complete the sound wall because noise is a concern.

Mayor Andrews stated that Bonnie Anderson, from the Tollway Authority, made two site visits to Indian Head Park at his request at the end of May and beginning of June and the tollway authority stated they have no plans to complete the gap in the sound wall. The tollway believes what is there is appropriate and necessary so that access to bridge maintenance is accessible. Ms. Anderson stated that there is some construction going on near the I-294 tollway ramp off of Joliet Road and next year the tollway is working on that area near the Oasis to repave the asphalt with a new type of asphalt material designed to deaden sound. Mayor Andrews stated that he relayed the tollway comments to the resident and also made a site visit with Chief Alonzo and Superintendent Ed Santen at the area near Sacajawea Park. Mayor Andrews stated that the Village at that time decided to purchase some Colorado Blue Spruce trees to fill the gap in the sound wall area to relieve some of the sound issues. Mayor Andrews stated that the Village is always willing to assist residents with their concerns, the property is owned by the tollway and the petition submitted to the Village can be sent to the tollway if they can help the Village in some fashion. David Anderson thanked the Board for their time in reviewing the concerns of the residents. Mayor Andrews thanked Mr. Anderson for taking the initiative to try to seek help and assistance in a positive approach to the Board.

Mayor Andrews stated years ago when the tollway had resurfaced the I-55 expressway, the Board approached the tollway about extending the sound wall near Chestnut on the Green Development along I-55. Tollway representatives stated the cost is about 2 to 3 million dollars to complete. At that time, the tollway suggested landscaping for a buffer in that area in lieu of a sound wall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Bermier moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:10 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Leach, Deputy Village Clerk/Recording Secretary